

Mineral County Conservation District- April 18th, 2023 at 6p.m.
Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone
Minutes

Mineral County Conservation District Attendees: Layne Hansen- Vice Chair- Supervisor; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Joe Hughes- Supervisor; Joe Spangler- Supervisor; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor; Jim Lommen- Supervisor; Ladd Knotek- Fish Wildlife and Parks

Additional Attendees: Matt Peterson- Virtual; Dan Fultz- Virtual; Meaghan Wirth-Virtual

Absent: County Commissioner- Duane Simmons; Charlee Thompson, Chair; Andy Short, County Planner. John Bowe, NRCS

Call to Order: 6:04pm by Layne H.

Minutes

April 5th, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion to Accept with changes by Jim L. seconded by Joe H. Vote **Passes 6-0**: Changes: Public Comment- Cathy to Cathy, Business of the board: I-90 from hwy-90. Miss spelling of “tabled”, misspelling to Laurie,

Public Comment - Public Comment- Update Cathy saw evidence of burning on the immediate river bank, She will get an address to send pamphlets to the landowner..

Administrative- Insurance update RMIS- still no quote in progress. Administrative Grant- in progress due May 31, 2023.

310 Permit

54-43-2023- MRL-Mike Raul- Bridge over Trout Creek.-Site inspection- Ladd, Joe H. And Layne H. conducted the inspection. Reports submitted. Discussion: Replacement of Abutments, removal of old concrete in the river bed, the far pier was to be the first on the list of replacement. MRL will need to cut a road down to the project area, the project will take 2-3 months. Motion to approve the permit with following modification; Let the CD know when you're starting, Motion by Joe H. seconded by Tom C. **Vote Passes 6-0** Request from Ladd to ask PM if he needs a 318 from Fish Wildlife and Parks.

54-6-2023- Slokm Burnham-St. Regis River-Contractor-site visit by Ladd, Joe H. and Layne H. Reports submitted.Discussion: Site inspection revealed 3, 310 violations on the parcel and a revised application is requested due to the proximity of the building to the adjacent river. “Need to move the building back from the St. Regis river 40-45- Feet from the high water mark it currently sits at 20 feet. Board decided to send a cease and desist letter to the landowner for the violation with the requirements to remediate the path to the river, the displacement of river rocks to build a dam site, and cutting of vegetation and stacked vegetation on the river bank. Request for remediation plan before proceeding with this application.

54-7-2023E- Semi Rollover- St. Regis River, mile marker 27, Update-Site inspection revealed this is a not in our Jurisdiction due to the landowner being the National Forest, this emergency has been handed over to Ladd Knotek with Fish Wildlife and Parks. Board requests to attend all the fire departments meetings to gather and share information and establish a line of communication with the current

accidents along the perennial rivers in the county. Jim L requested to find out from Caitlin what authority we have to persuade the local emergency response teams to communicate emergency 310 incidents.

54-8-2023V- Peterson, Theresa- Clark Fork River- Cease and Desist letter sent 4-11-2023-No resident at the mailing address, second letter sent to physical address. Updates to follow
54-22-2022- Ammendment- Clark Fork River-Meghan Wirth New Fields- Lower Meadows Subdivision, Discussion: Application was withdrawn last year and is now re-submitted with all required permits obtained. A site visit was scheduled due to the fact that there was never a site visit from the previous submission done.

Business of the Board-

Job Review for Stephanie.- Decision to give Stephanie a verbal rating of excellence on her review, and to start including a \$25.00 per month cell phone stippen for remote use. Price a new PC for the Administrator. Motion by Jim L. and seconded by Joe H. **Vote Passes 6-0** Policy review Mineral County Conservation District- Tabled with the request by Joe S. to finish the 310 training then do the Policy Change with the ideas to keep consistent, Joe H. request to have separate times than bi-monthly meeting to host the training. Training meeting scheduled for Monday April 24th at 2pm at the office. 5th grade Education Fish Creek- rescheduled for September 2023 due to high water and weather.

Financial Report- Update of funds given by Joe H. Jim inquired of the Conservations CD's when they matured and options for moving them to a higher money market fund.

Reports

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Absent**
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present**
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep- **Absent -**
- d. County Commissioner, **-Absent**

310 Follow-Ups -

54-41-2023 Fuujin Investments- Clark Fork River-Continual follow-up thru completion
54-17-2022V: Montana Rail Link- Clark Fork Remediation- **Final Follow-Up, UPDATE-awaiting berm to be taken down, Waiting on parts for the machine to finish this project**
54-15-2022: Jason Nordberg- **Current; Follow-up with photos when completed additional amendment**
54-18-2022: Michael Keast- Clark Fork River- Maintenance on stairway, **Follow-up June 2023**
54-29-2022V- Gretchen Webb- Clark Fork River-**Spring 2023 follow-up**
54-8-2022: Arrow Construction: Steve & Julie Prater- Ready Rock retaining wall, Superior
54-7-2021:Delisle site visit in Spring 2023
Sloway Retaining Wall site visit Spring 2023

ADJOURN- 8:38pm Motion to Adjourn by Jim L. and Seconded by Tom. **Vote Passes 6-0**

Next Meeting - Training Meeting May 24 at 2pm, Next Meeting May 3rd at 6pm.

